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The brilliant August sky had glowed all afternoon like a vast furnace, radiating flames of sickening heat; but at four o'clock great masses of black cloud began to sweep up over Capitol bill into ominous rank and file accompanied by an occasional roll of thunder. Lieut Julian Elliott U. S. A.,

garded the threatening horizon with a critical eye.

the curb, then at the open car swing- question. ing up Pennsylvania avenue. A louder roar of thunder and a glance at his immaculate linens decided him. "I want to look decent on my wedding casionally Elliott saw her tremble at anniversary," he reflected, amusedly. a particularly vicious flash of light-Then he said to the driver: "You can take me to No. 2520 Oxford place, dropped her head, nalf-sickened with Northwest, 'way up beyond Dupont nervous terror, and Elliott felt himself there before it rains," and be stepped into the cab.

The driver beamed amiably over this the seat and watched the hurried lines of people rush past the cab-window sweeps down like it did outside Manila," he muttered. "Jove, how yellow my hands are! Anyone could see I've had the fever. I suppose I'd better take the night train to New York and sail for Havre on the first boat, so long as I have got to go anyway. It isn't pleasant, this meeting people everywhere who are so eager to inquire about 'your wife.' Wife, indeed! Glad you're getting home alive,' that blackguard Stevens told me, 'so your womenfolks can coddle you a little." especially. No tears nor embraces for the returned soldier-boy in my dear family."

He pulled two crumpled letters from his pocket, and glanced through them with eyes that anticipated every word and sentence. The first was from his stepmother:

New York, December 12, 1888,
My Dear Julian:
Your pote telling us that you are going off to Manila to help fight those stupid savages is just received. I'm sorry that you will be in such a disagreeable place this coming year; still, your being away for some time may help to simplify matters when you return. Nancy tells me that you and she have practically agreed upon a quiet separation.

I shall keep the dear child with me as long as she cares to stay; and so far she seems perfectly contented, as long as she can devote herself to Tom's little ones. I suppose it ig your insane jealousy of your dead brother's children which has caused this disgraceful thing. It certainly can't be Nancy's fault. I'm sorry you ever married her, I know it was very romantic and all that, but the whole affair was the result of so sudden an attachment that I really don't believe you knew your own minds. It does seem a pity, though, that you could only stay friends for a bare six months. Well, let it go. I never pose as a peacemaker, and bealdes. I don't think you two are it go. I never pose as a peacemaker, and, besides, I don't think you two are longing to be recomelled. Come and see me when you return from Manila. Don't get shot, don't have yellow-tever, and don't forget that I am

"Ever your slineare friend."

Ever your sincere friend, HORATIA LORD ELLIOTT. The second letter was shorter, and, possible, more indifferent in tone:

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New York, December 13, 1898.

My Dear Mr. Elliott:

Mother tells me that she is writing to you, and I'll just add a line to say that I am well and happy, and that I propose to remain here until your return from the Philippines. Then I shall go back to England, and make my home there indefinitely. Our marriage has been a mistake—they say all hasty marriages are—but the few months have been so pleasant in many ways that I do not regret it.

Hoping that you will return from this steresting expedition in the best of interesting expedition in the bealth and spirits, I remain,

Very sincerely, P. S.—I retain your name at present to avoid annoying inquiries. Upon my re-turn to England I shall probably resume

Elliott tore the first letter into minute strips and flung them out of the window. The second went back into his pocket. As he sucked it in mechanically, something caught his attention outside. "HI, there, driver!" he shouted, "call

to that lady that she can have this cab, and I'll vacate. She'll be drenched."

The rain, which had stopped treacherously for a few moments, was now dashing down with renewed force. A alender girl came hurrying across a side street, reaching the avenue just as the downpour recommenced. She looked about irresolutely for a moment; then, at sight of the driver's beckoning finger, she hurried to the cab, gave the man a hasty direction. and began tugging at the rusty door before Elliott had time to unfasten it. She did not glance up until the knob gave way—then Elliott felt his breath leave him suddenly as he looked down

For a moment feither spoke, Su-preme amazement held them in dulled silence. Nancy was the first to re-

"Pardon," she said, bowing slightly, as though addressing a stranger. did not dream that there was anyone

"Nancy, get in, I beg of you," cried Elliott, springing out. "You'll catch your death of cold; you're wet al-ready I'll take a car."

"Ob," no, thank you," she returned, drawing back a trifle. There was not s trace of color in her face, yet her self-control was perfect. "I really

Eluott caught her by the arm and lifted her into the cab, stepping in after her. "There!" he said, angrily. "I shall not annoy you by speaking, you may be sure, but I shall not permit

ou to make yourself ill, either." And he sat down sternly on the opposite seat and kept his eyes away from

Yet he was conscious of having re caived something of a shock. "Jove, how thin she is," he thought. "Queer I didn't know her as she crossed the street. She didn't know me, either, at the first glance. Wonder what brought her over here just now, any-

"Have you been ill, Mr. Elliott?" He turned with a jerk. Nancy sat, erect and pale, in the corner of the hack, composed as a statue. Elliott felt his face flushing, and he answered of East Las Vegas, N. M., says: "It with an absurd stammer:

'No-yes-nothing but malaria. But came slowly out of the Raleigh, and re. you're not well, N-Mrs. Elliott?" "I hope you have recovered your health entirely. Your being smooth I can confirm all I then said. Doan's Elliott looked indecisively at the shaven quite nonplused me for a Kidney Pills relieved me of backache

did not speak again. The rain and

wind beat against the carriage. Oc-

ning. During one terrific peal she

Circle. And be swift. I want to get rising from his seat to clasp and soothe her "Poor little Nance," he thought. "Thunder always did fret her. How bit of chaff. Elliott settled back into she used to clutch hold of me when it. stormed-up in that Oxford place den of ours, Honeymoon hall we used to take no other. with dull, unseeing eyes. "Water call it. Wonder what she'd say if she knew I was going there now, this particular afternoon. It's a fool's sentimental notion of mine, but as long as

> look at the place." The storm died away as rapidly as it had risen. Presently the driver's meet with slight accidents and injuries grizzled head appeared at the win-

I was here it seemed to me I'd like to

"Take you to your address, boss? The rain's stoppin'."

"Yes-well, the lady's first," turned Elliott. As the carriage start-Yes, I think I see them, my mother ed, Nancy raised her head inquiringly. "Please have him take you to your destination first," she said, hurriedly. necessary errand."

"Certainly," said Elliott, bowing. Nancy took his word as obeying her wishes. She murmured "Thank you," and sank back in her seat again, turning her eyes away from him.

"You are very tired," he ventured, after a long pause. The carriage was lumbering slowly northward, past Dupont circle.

No response Elliott looked out of the window patiently for awhile. At last he bent forward and spoke again. There was a curious vibration in his deep tones. . "I am going to beg your kindness," he began, slowly, "to let me speak, to ask you just one favor, and that is, your forgiveness for the many unpleasant hours I have given you, through what mother justly called my insane jealousy of my brother's children. You were as devoted as a mother could be to them, and I should childishly hurt, and so passionately set on holding all your affection for

have been proud of it, rather than so myself. I was an old fool-worse than a fool-and I most humbly beg your pardon for it, and for dragging you into a marriage which has brough you disappointment and annoyance. "I never said that," said Nancy, faintly. Her face shone white against the dingy cushions, her lips were set in a stern little line.

"In which you were very considerate. It's a year to-day, you know-I'd give ten years of my life to blot out these last 12 months for you. But now I can do nothing—nothing but beg you to regard me as your friend, ready to serve you whenever you may call upon me. Will you not promise me to let me know if at any time-"

Nancy sprang forward to the win-dow and pulled at it frantically. The cab was drawing up before No. 2620 Oxford place.

"Why did he bring us here?" she gasped, panting and trembling. "I said he was to take us to your address first."

"But this is mine," cried Elliott, amazed. "I said he was to take us wherever you wanted to go-Nancy, you don't mean that you were going there-to-day?"

But Nancy's hands were over her face, and she had shrunk back into the corner of the seat again.

Elliott thrust his hands into his pockets and dragged out a bill and abunch of keys. He pushed the money into the cabman's hand as that worthy appeared at the door. "Here's your fare," he cried, in a voice that he hardly recognized. "And we're much obliged for the-shelter."

He lifted Nancy from the cab, and half-carried her up the steps of No. 2620 Oxford place. "Won't you come in with me?" he said, under his breath, as he unlocked the door, "and see if the house is in good condition for-renting to a bridal couple?" He drew her inside the big, bare hall, and as the heavy door swung to he caught her in his arms for a long minute. When he put her down her eyes were wet, too, "And there's a room up-stairs—the den, Nancy—would you like to see if it's—satisfactory?"

She was trying bravely through her tears to carry out the play.

"Oh, Julian, there's nothing in this house," she whispered, "nothing but bare walls—and marriage on friend.

"Yes, there is," he retorted, rudely. "Don't you dare contradict me, madam! You and Love. Can I want

Nancy dropped her head against his big shoulder. "If you're going to intimidate me, Julian," she whispered, "why, of course, I have-nothREAPING BENEFIT.

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